

2019 Open Championship Tournament Rules

- 1. Tournament Format** – The tournament is USBC certified and will consist of two bowled events – a four (4) person Team event and a combined two (2) person Doubles event and an individual one (1) person Singles event. Bowlers may participate in either the Team or the combined Doubles/Singles events or both events. Bowlers participating in the Doubles event must bowl in the Singles event.
- 2. Team Composition** – In the Team event, teams may be comprised of any combination of men and women, totaling four (4) bowlers. In the Doubles event, teams may be comprised of two (2) men or women or one (1) man and one (1) woman totaling two (2) bowlers.
- 3. Divisions** – The tournament is divided into three divisions. Each division is based on the total team average of the participants competing in the event as shown on the front of this form.
- 4. Handicap** – Handicap for all divisions will be based on 90% of 235 and computed using the team average method.
- 5. Phone or E-mail Entry Reservations** – Squad time reservations will be accepted, however, entry form and fees must be received by the tournament director not later than 14 days of the reservation or the squad time will be vacated. Incomplete entry forms or fees will be accepted but not scheduled until all entry information and/or fees are received.
- 6. Prize Ratios** - The prize ratio will be at least one (1) to five (5) or major fraction thereof for the Team event; the prize ratio will be at least one (1) to eight (8) or major fraction thereof for the Doubles/Singles events. Prize money will be returned 100%. Last paid place on the prize list will be equal to the prize fee paid. Championship awards in each division will be presented to each member of the Team, Doubles, and Singles events bowling the highest score. Championship awards will not be presented to winners in the optional events. The cost of the awards will be from the expense fees paid. Duplicate awards will be made in case of ties.
- 7. Special Events** – The following optional special events are offered in this tournament. The entry fees for these events will be included in the prize fund for the event and returned 100%.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>	<u>Prize Ratio</u>	<u>Event Description</u>
All-Events	\$ 5.00	1:20	Combined scores from first Team event and Doubles /Singles event with handicap by division.
Scratch Team	\$ 28.00	1:8	Scratch score of all team entrants in any Team event. Must enter as a team.
Scratch All-Events	\$ 5.00	1:20	Combined scratch scores of first Team event and Doubles /Singles event; all entrants combined in a single division.
Scratch Doubles	\$ 7.00	1:8	Combined scratch scores of event entrant and partner in Doubles portion of the Doubles/Singles event. Both partners must enter.
Scratch Singles	\$ 7.00	1:8	Scratch score of event entrant in the Singles portion of the Doubles/Singles event.

- 8. Entries Close (USBC Rule 310)** – Entry deadline is Sunday, May 19, 2019, prior to the start of the last scheduled shift, which is 3:00 pm. for team event and 3:00 pm. for doubles/singles. Any entry forms not accompanied by the fees required for the events entered will be accepted but not scheduled until all fees are received.
- 9. Multiple Participation (USBC Rule 315)** – A bowler may participate in the Team event an unlimited number of times but at least two (2) players must be different. A bowler may participate in the combined Doubles/Singles event up to 3 times, but must change partners each time and must also bowl singles each time.
- 10. Entering Average** – A bowler must use his/her **Montana USBC state tournament average (21 game min.) as listed on the website, www.bowlmontana.com**. If no such average exists, then bowler must use his/her 2017-18 final season average (summer leagues included) or their January 1, 2019, average, whichever is higher. A bowler without a certified 2017-18 winter or summer league average, or a January 1, 2019 average may use their current average as of the date bowled. **All averages are for a 21 game minimum.** To verify an alternate average, an average verification letter from the participant's league secretary or local Association Manager will be required.
- 11. This tournament is open ONLY to current season members of USBC that have a MONTANA certified LEAGUE AVERAGE (21 game min.)**
- 12. Assigned Averages (USBC Rule 319b)** –A participant without an entering average will be assigned an average of 235.
- 13. USBC Rules 319a(2) & 319d are waived.** Current averages that are 10 pins or more higher than the entering average do not need reporting, nor do any prize winnings need reporting. All other aspects of USBC Rule 319 are in effect.
- 14. USBC Rule 319c Average Adjustments** is only in effect for bowlers, who have been rated nationally by USBC and only when the adjusted average is higher than their Montana USBC state tournament average.
- 15. NOTICE: MONTANA USBC STANDING RULES, which are applicable to ALL Montana State tournaments, can be found and downloaded on the website: BowIMontana.com, then select this specific tournament.**

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Phone Reservations will be taken **no earlier than January 1, 2019** by calling (406) 782-2755 (No collect calls). Email reservations may be made and are encouraged at: martinichd@yahoo.com. **NOTICE:** There **will** be bowling Easter weekend (Apr. 19-21, 2019).

Entries close Sunday, May 19, 2019

To pay by credit card: First obtain reservation number from tournament director. Then indicate method of payment on front & ensure your email address is correct & legible. Then mail form to tourney director, who will assign invoice number & email you PayPal instructions. Payment must be made within 7 days of receipt of tournament manager's email reply.

